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results were surprising. Contrary to his expectations, leptin-deficient obese mice took nearly twice as long (an average of 75.2 minutes) to form blood clots as normal mice (42.2 minutes). Elitzman ran his experiment again - this time using a different strain of obese mice, which were missing the gene for the leptin receptor. These mice also took an abnormally long time to clot (68.6 minutes).

"Finally we tried injecting the mice with leptin, and that's when clotting times in the leptin-deficient mice dropped to normal, leptin was the critical factor. To confirm our results, we transplanted bone marrow from leptin-deficient to normal mice."

When the transplanted bone marrow began producing platelets without the leptin receptor, clotting time in the normal mice was prolonged significantly.

Recent research by other scientists found evidence for leptin's role in human blood clotting.

Results from the West of Scotland Coronary Prevention Study, published in the December 2001 issue of *Circulation*, showed that high levels of leptin were an independent risk factor for cardiovascular thrombotic events, such as heart attacks and strokes, in 1,160 men enrolled in the prospective study.

"We suspect that the more leptin in blood plasma, the higher the risk of forming blood clots, but we haven't quantified the relationship yet," Elitzman says.

"We know that losing weight lowers the amount of leptin in your bloodstream, however. So for now, diet and exercise remain the best way to prevent blood clots and the strokes and heart attacks they cause."

This study was funded by the National Institutes of Health. Other U-M Medical School researchers involved in the study included Peter F. Bodary, Ph.D., the paper's lead author, who is now at the University of Toledo; Randall J. Westrick, graduate student; Kevin J. Wickenheiser, undergraduate; and Yuechen Shen, M.D., research associate.

For more information, visit these Web sites:

■ *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association* <http://circ.ahajournals.org/>

■ U-M Health Topics A to Z: What is a Heart Attack

<http://www.med.umich.edu/11ibr/heart/angina03.htm>

■ U-M Health Topics A to Z: Heart Attack Risk Factors

<http://www.med.umich.edu/11ibr/heart/angina04.htm>

■ U-M Health Topics A to Z: Stroke

<http://www.med.umich.edu/11ibr/heart/highbp05.htm>

## Drug access program benefits Farmington needy

State Rep. Andrew Raczowski (R-Farmington) recently announced that more than \$100,000 of no-cost prescription drugs were directed to the Farmington community last year by Pfizer, Inc.

The Pfizer Pharmaceutical Access Program represents six sub-programs that provide assistance to people who are unable to afford the costs associated with prescription drugs. At the national level, Pfizer donated more than \$345 million worth of prescriptions last year. Michigan received more than \$7 million in donated prescriptions.

"Certainly, the cost of prescription drugs can be impossible to meet if a person does not have health insurance coverage to supplement these costs," said Raczowski. "Many people in our community are challenged by the need to fill prescriptions while maintaining a budget for life's staples, such as food, clothing and shelter."

Included in the Pfizer Pharmaceutical Access Programs are:

- Sharing the Care - providing state-of-the-art prescription medication at no charge to community, migrant and homeless health center patients who lack insurance coverage for pharmaceuticals and live at or below the poverty line.
- Pfizer Prescription Assistance Program - working with individual physicians throughout the country to make its medicines available at no charge to patients.
- Parke-Davis Patient Assistance Program - working with physicians to help patients gain access to a select list of prescription medicines.

For more information on contact the office of state Rep. Andrew Raczowski at (800) 864-2108 or via e-mail at [araczko@house.state.mi.us](mailto:araczko@house.state.mi.us)

**CITY OF FARMINGTON  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
(Summary)**

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council with Museum Director Horvath was held Monday, May 06, 2002 in Council Chambers, 23060 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bush, Campbell, Harrison, McShane, Mitchell.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Laubhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Museum Director Horvath.

Council met with Museum Director Horvath to discuss the status of ongoing projects including education, collection and exhibits and a future website; and a review of upcoming special events including Founders Festival activities, flower show, in-house musician and croquet challenge.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, Mayor  
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

**CITY OF FARMINGTON  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
(Summary)**

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Mitchell at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 06, 2002 in Council Chambers, 23060 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

**PRESENT:** Bush, Campbell, Harrison, McShane, Mitchell.

**ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Attorney Donohue, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Laubhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

Ceremonial oath was taken by new Council member, Michael J. Harrison. Minutes of the regular and special meetings of April 16, 2002 were approved.

Minutes of other boards were received and filed.

Watercolorist Pamela O'Neill was introduced as the exhibiting artist in Farmington City Hall.

Council tabled the request for a fence variance at 23060 Manning.

Council proclaimed the week of May 12-18, 2002 as "National Hospital Week".

Council made the following reappointments: Alton Bennett to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term; Mary Anita McHugh to the Commission on Aging for a three-year term; and James Begue and Alton Bennett to the Planning Commission for three-year terms.

Council accepted the resignation of Elizabeth McConnell from the Commission on Aging.

Council approved publication of a Public Hearing Notice for the proposed FY 2002-03 Budget and Property Tax Rate.

Council approved Budget Amendment No. 2 for fiscal year 2001-02.

Council approved the revised Employee/Administrative Manual.

Council approved the by-laws as adopted by the Farmington Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Council approved the bid submitted by Nationwide Fence and Supply Company to install a guardrail at the Smithfield/Caddell Drain.

Council adopted a resolution authorizing collection of the special assessment for the Special Assessment District No. 98-81 for 2002.

Public comments were heard.

Council comments were heard.

Council received and filed the Financial Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2002.

Council approved the Monthly Payments Report for April, 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, Mayor  
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY 31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48338

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Stockton Avenue Pavement and Drainage Improvement Special Assessment Roll No. C-382 in the amount of \$127,590.02 for the construction of Pavement and Drainage Improvements in said City to be located as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Stockton Avenue	Middlebelt Road	140 Feet East of Barfield

has been filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	\$137,900.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT	82.2%
TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT	\$112,353.80
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED	\$ 6,972.27

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chamber, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 20th of May, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. to review said Special Assessment Roll and to hear any comments in opposition or in favor thereof.

Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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KATHRYN A. DORNAN  
City Clerk

Mail: May 6, 2002  
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